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In response to the Office Action mailed 15 January 2004,  
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- a. There are no changes in the specification.
- b. Amendment to the claims is attached.
- c. Remarks follow the above.
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